

The Minutes of a Regular meeting of the City Council  
Austin Tex. June 20, 1887.

Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor, presiding.

Roll Called - Present, Aldermen Alexander,  
Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Fisher, Graham,  
Jones, Platt, Phillips, Schuber, Townsend,  
Walker, Warren, Wartham - 14.

Absent - Aldermen Caldwell, Cummings, Metz,  
Odell, Schneider, and Kellmer - 6.

Quorum present.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting of the City  
Council were read and adopted.

B.C. Wells Alderman Campbell presented a proposition  
from B. C. Wells, who has purchased the  
north half of lot 4, in block 40, of the City  
of Austin, on which the taxes have not  
been paid for years, and which now  
amount to \$672.12, offering to pay the City of  
Austin, as a Compromise, the sum of \$500,  
in settlement of all back taxes, costs, etc., against  
this property prior to January 1, 1887. The  
proposition was read, after which Alderman  
Campbell, presented a resolution, which was  
adopted, accepting the proposition, and authorizing  
the Mayor to execute and deliver to B. C. Wells  
a quit claim deed on payment of \$500 to the  
City assessor and Collector.

Bawdy houses. Alderman Anderson presented a petition  
from citizens living in vicinity of the  
corner of Lavaca and Fifth Streets, praying  
that a bawdy house which is situated on  
Lavaca Street, between Fourth and Fifth  
Streets, be suppressed, and that that class of  
houses be prevented from further encroaching  
upon the quiet portion of the city.

Referred to police Committee.

Andrew Casto. On the recommendation of the City Marshal, approved  
by the Mayor, the City Council consented to the remission  
of balance of the fine and costs assessed in  
the recorder's Court against Andrew Casto, he  
being quite sick.

Chas. Schaffer. Alderman Wartham of the finance Committee,

presented an adverse report on a petition from Chas. Schaffer, requesting the City Council to relieve him from paying taxes of 1886, on certain house and improvements which were burned in the early part of the year.

Same:

Alderman W. A. M. Walker, of the same Committee, offered a favorable report on the same petition. On motion the adverse report was adopted.

Finances.

Alderman W. Wortham, for the finance Committee, requested further time in which to prepare the financial statement called for by a resolution which was adopted at the last meeting of the Council. Further time was granted.

Ald. Cummings:

(Alderman Cummings came) in.

Fire Bell.

Alderman Graham presented an Ordinance appropriating \$150 for hanging fire-bell. The Ordinance was read first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second and third readings, both of which were adopted by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Alexander, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Cummings, Fisher, Graham, Jones, Platt, Phillips, Schuber, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wortham - 15.

On motion, the Ordinance then passed. Alderman Brush, Chairman of the Park Committee, had read some extracts from the minutes of the City Council in regard to the donation to the City of Austin, by Gov. E. M. Pease and wife, of what is known as the Pease park. The extracts stated that the donation was made and that it was duly accepted by the City Council according to the terms of the same. On motion of Alderman

Brush, the City engineer was instructed to furnish the Council at its next regular meeting with an estimate of the probable cost of putting a fence of two or three wires around the park, and, also, any suggestions which he may deem proper to make in connection therewith.

Water

Alderman Cummings submitted a report from

fire plugs. The Sanitary inspector, calling attention of the Council to the drawing of water from the fire-plugs for the purpose of sprinkling the streets, and recommending that the same be prohibited. Referred to the Sanitary Committee.

River-dam. An Ordinance appropriating \$500 for the purpose of putting a dam in the Colorado river, was taken up on its second reading and read, and, on motion laid on the table subject to call.

San Marcos St. A resolution requiring the City engineer to open San Marcos street from the north line of Cedar Street, was also taken up on its second reading and read, and laid on the table subject to call.

May & June roll. Alderman Wortham introduced an Ordinance appropriating \$3420, for the purpose of paying officers and regular employes of the City, and City and County Hospital, for the month of June and part of the month of May, 1887.

The Ordinance was read first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second and third readings, and that the Ordinance do now pass; all of which were adopted by the following vote: 10 yeas - Aldermen Alexander, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Cummings, Fisher, Graham, Jones, Platt, Phillips, Schuber, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wortham - 15.

Atto. 231-2. Alderman Warren presented an Ordinance amending articles 231 and 232, of Chapter 9, title 5, of the revised Civil Ordinances of the City of Austin. The Ordinance was read first time and referred to the hospital committee. The object of the ordinance is to make the terms of office of the resident physician and matron of the hospital and chief engineer of the fire department two years, instead of one year, as they now are, so as to cause the terms of all officers to be of uniform duration.

Crematory. Alderman Platt, Chairman of the Special Committee on Sanitation, to whom the subject of providing a Crematory for cremating the bodies of animals, etc., that die in the city, was referred, moved that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Sanitation and Sewers, and it was so referred.

Bawdy houses.

Alderman Anderson introduced an Ordinance confining bawdy houses to certain limits of the City of Austin. The Ordinance was read first time, after which the following motions were made in the order named:

By Alderman Anderson, to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading. By Alderman Platt, to refer the Ordinance to the Ordinance Committee.

By Alderman Anderson, to lay Alderman

Platt's motion on the table. The latter motion prevailed, after which Alderman

Platt moved to refer the Ordinance to the City attorney, with instructions to report on the same at the next regular meeting, and it was so referred.

Fire bell.

Alderman Graham moved a reconsideration of the vote by which an Ordinance appropriating \$150 to hang the fire-bell was passed. The motion prevailed, and by unanimous consent of the Council, Alderman Graham moved to strike out \$150 and insert in lieu thereof \$200. The amendment was then adopted and the ordinance passed.

Parks.

Alderman Brush presented a resolution, which was adopted, inviting citizens of the city and especially those living adjacent to the various public parks or squares in the city, to send to the City Council names that are appropriate for, and by which the several parks may be known and designated. Names will be received until September 15, and shall be addressed to the Chairman of park Committee.

Taxes.

The finance Committee submitted a resolution, which was adopted, on a report of the City attorney

in regard to delinquent tax-payers, which directs the City Attorney to bring suit against all delinquent tax-payers, where, in his opinion, the interest of the City will be subserved by such suit.

Adjourned

(On motion, the Council then adjourned

Milton Morris,  
City Clerk